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B. Observation:

1. Sometimes disciples work against the Lord without realizing it.
2. When the Lord corrects, we need to lay aside our preferences.
3. Never reschedule people when they are ready to come to the Lord now.

C. The Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those with child-like characteristics:

1. Children come with curiosity and wonder.
2. Children come in humility
3. Children come trustingly

D. Miss-Guided beliefs that one’s children are blessed of the Lord:

1. Bringing them to church without applying the teaching in the home.
2. Giving them the best education without the knowledge of God.
3. Having them be socially well-rounded without learning to serve those in need.

E. Application: Parents dedicate yourselves, then dedicate your children to the Lord.

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